to enable them to function as effective grassroot bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI UTTMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The states where elected Panchayats are not in position at any level have been appraised of the legal position that the Constitution does not contemplate any situation where panchayati raj institutions are not in position. The elections to Zila Parishads only are due in the State of Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Orissa. They have also been advised to conduct elections at the earliest. It is for the State Governments to devolve powers and functions to panchayats as this subject falls within the purview of State Governments?

Ad hoc Promotion to the Grade of Section Officer

1683. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for reservation of posts for SC/ST in ad hoc promotion from assistant Grade to Section Officer Grade in the Central Secretariat Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concession to SC and ST people in respect of years of service in Assistant Grade is available for such promotion from Assistant Grade to Section Officer Grade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the conditions, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The Central Secretariat Service Rules provide for concessions to the SC/ST category Assistants in respect of years of service in promotions to the Grade of Section Officer. The principles laid down in the O.M. No. 36011/1483-Estt. (SCT) dated 30th April, 1983 and dt. 30th Sept., 1983 provide for reservation of posts for SC/ST in ad hoc promotions also. The Section Officer Grade of the Central Secretariat Service is decentralised among 33 cadres. Ad hoc promotion to the SOs Grade are, therefore, made by the respective cadre controlling authorities, after taking into account the requisite number of vacancies

Allotment of Quarters in DAE

1684. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has taken a final decision regarding allotment of quarters at Bombay on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee constituted on 8th July, 1994, as directed by CAT, Bombay on 27th July, 1994 particularly regarding recommendations 8.1.8 and 8.1.11;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if decision is not as per recommendations, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the plinth area norms stipulated by Ministry of Urban Development for categorisation of quarters is followed by DAE at Bombay; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof and how it will give justice to scientists and engineers working in BARC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Atomic Energy has decided that the residential quarters at Bombay would be re-categorised on the basis of a combination of plinth area and living area norms and that Category 'D' type quarters would be allotted on the basis of service seniority and pay seniority in the ratio of 1:1.

(c) The above decision deviates from the recommendations of the Committee constituted on July 8, 1994 which recommended recategorisation of flats on the basis of plinth area and allotment of Category 'D' type quarters exclusively on the basis of pay seniority. The deviation was necessary with a view to ensure equitable sharing of limited number of available quarters among the different sections of the employees.

(d) and (e) The Department of Atomic energy has not followed the plinth area norms for categorisation of flats as the flats owned by the Department have widely varying plinth area within each type of flat itself what varying ratio of plinth to living area having been constructed or bought at different periods in different locations with different facilities and conveniences. A combination of the twin criteria of plinth and living area was considered to be more equitable and is intended not to be detrimental to the genuine interest of any section of employees.

Select List of the Central Secretariat Service

1685. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2795 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the dispute in the Grade I Select List of the Central Secretariat Service has been sorted out;

(b) if so, by when the Select List for CSS Selection Grade for the year 1993 is targeted to be released; and

(c) if not, whether any time schedule has been fixed for sorting out the dispute in the seniority list of Grade I of CSS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the judgement dated 22.3.1995 of the CAT, in O.A. Nos. 996/1993, 157/1994, 492/1994 and 629/1994, a draft common seniority list of the Section Officers has been issued on 3rd July, 1995. A period of one month was allowed to file objections, if any, to the Common Seniority List. The Govt. is required to publish the final Common Seniority List within a period of three months thereafter. After the Common Seniority List of Section Officers is finalised, action for issue of Grade I panels for the year 1987 onwards would be initiated. The Grade I panels for the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 would also be reviewed. Action for preparing the Selection Grade Select List of CSS would be initiated, only after the Grade I panels are finalised.

Establishment of Industry in Assam

1686. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish any major industry in Assam;

(b) if so, whether Government will expedite the establishment of the industry in view of the easy available resources and also growing unemployment problem in Assam, specially among the educated and skilled youths; and

(c) give details about the proposed industry and the estimated period of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up any major industry in the Central Sector during 1995-96 annual plan in the State of Assam. However, detail of projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores in Central PSEs under implementation together with anticipated date of commissioning is given at pages 44 to 52 in Volume-I of P.E. Survey 1993-94 laid in the Parliament on 22.3.1995. The expansion/modernisation